

HOUSE BILL 2641
By Vincent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to motor vehicle registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101(f), is amended by deleting the word "annual".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(m) Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, the commissioner shall have continuing authority to validate motor vehicle registrations and renewals for periods of up to three (3) years. The provisions of this subsection may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be applied to motor vehicles classified in Classes (A) - (F) pursuant to § 55-4-111. The commissioner shall establish a system of registration and registration renewals at such yearly intervals as the commissioner deems appropriate. Multiple year registrations and renewals authorized by the provisions of this subsection shall be voluntary and no applicant shall be required to register or renew a motor vehicle for a period of more than one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-104(a), is amended by deleting the language "All certificates of registration" and by substituting instead the language "Except as otherwise provided by this section and § 55-4-101(m), all certificates of registration".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-104(d)(1), is amended by inserting the language "or up to three (3) years," between the language "or one (1) or more quarters of a year," and the language "and is authorized to supply the county clerks".

SECTION 4. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. For the purpose of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it